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Mr. Joshua Schneyer
Reuters News
Three Times Square
New York, NY 10036

Dear Mr. Schneyer,

Subj: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) CASE NUMBER
DON-NAVY-2021-003728

This letter is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of February 18, 2021, for information pertaining to the following:

1. Please provide any and all records produced or retained by the Navy, as the law requires, of the incidents described above over the period of this request, 2017 to present.
2. Please also provide any and all annual reports detailing such incidents in Navy base housing — whether government-operated or privatized/MHPI housing — that the Navy has compiled and provided to the DOD and/or the designated House or Senate Committees meant to receive them.
3. Please provide the internal Navy directive or guidance establishing how the Navy or its housing partners should report such incidents, and what qualifies as a reportable window fall incident, to comply with the requirements of this law.

We have enclosed three responsive documents consisting of seven pages covering the Navy and Marine Corps privatized family housing portfolio. They are provided with redactions, pursuant to exemption (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC § 552(b)(6), which allows an agency to withhold “personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” The documents are responsive to all items in your request, however they do not answer your question “...what qualifies as a reportable window fall incident...”

You have the right to an appeal. The appeal must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You are encouraged (though not required) to provide an explanation as to why you believe the redactions were inappropriate or our search was inadequate. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to us at Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, 1322 Patterson Avenue, SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5065.

There are two ways to file an appeal—through FOIAonline or by mail.


1. Through FOIAonline: Go to <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home/>. Locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the “Search” field), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click “Save,” and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

2. By mail: Address your appeal to:

Department of the Navy
Office of the General Counsel
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA coordinator at abby.machalec@navy.mil, (202) 685-9269. You may also contact the Department of the Navy (DON) FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the DON. For more information, go to <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,


P. A. POLLOCK
By direction

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